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Julie Young Coordinator for this edition

Karen's Letter



Some of the most hopeful words are written in Revelation 21:5 "See, I am making all things new."

Spring has been beautiful this year and as I have planted things in the garden I have marvelled at the wonder of plants just growing and flowering or fruiting, simply from drawing water and nutrients from the soil. Every year they renew themselves and do it all again.

The hope of newness is sweet. The mistakes of the past can fall away like flowers that have faded. The chance to try again, to see what we've learned

from our failures, to do things differently, is invigorating.

They say that people don't change much after 30, but I beg to differ. Sure – our brains are fully formed between the ages of 24-27, but that doesn't negate the possibility of growing and developing further. It's true we can get stuck in our ways and can find that we are verging on madness – doing the same things again and again and expecting different results. But we can also choose to change the way we think and behave – we have neuroplasticity! Perhaps you'll sense the Source of all light and love making things new in and for you this month.

Karen Hunter Kriwald

John Jewell

A big thank you to all who attended and Donated to Dad's / John's Funeral on 9th May.

So far £437.00 has been sent to Dementia UK.

Regards
Nellie, Martin, David and Families.

SMITH, Ian Leslie Main - of Withington and Stowell Park, passed away peacefully on Friday 25th April. Husband of the late Betty Smith, father of Brian, Philip, James and Susan - Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Private family cremation. Memorial Service and Interment of Ashes will be held on Friday 13th June at St Michael's Church, Yanworth at 2.30pm. Everyone who knew dad will be most welcome, please wear bright colours.

Church Briefing

Hill & Valley Benifice Church Services

Everyone Welcome

1st June

BCP

Holy Communion Service

9.00am - St Andrew's Chedworth

10.30am - St James the Great, Coln St Denys

8th June

Holy Communion Service

10.30am - St Andrew's, Coln Rogers

15th June

Holy Communion Service

10.30am - St Andrew's Chedworth

22nd June

Happyfull Service

10.30am - St Andrew's Chedworth

29th June

Holy Communion

10.30am - St Leonard's, Stowell

Events: "Poole Me Hearties" – FostA's Village Picnic on the Green.

Confirmation – *"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not yet seen."* – Hebrews 11:1

(If you are thinking about baptism or confirmation for yourself or for your children, please get in touch with Revd Karen: karen@kriwald.com.)

22/06/25 – 3.00pm, St Andrew's, Chedworth with Bishop Robert.

Weddings – *"Love comes from God and everyone that loves is born of God and knows God."*

21/06/25 – 1.00pm - St Andrew's, Chedworth – Sarah Gregory and Owain Morgan.

- 3.00pm – St Andrew's Chedworth – Justine Barnes and Martyn Bell.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
5 June	19:00	NT Live - A Streecar named Desire	Chedworth Village Hall
7 June	10:00	Chedworth Open Gardens	
8 June		Whitsun - Pentecost	
9 June	19:30	Chedworth Parish Council Meeting	Chedworth Village Hall
10 June	16:30	Garden Club visit to Hyde Mill Meadow	
11 June		WI - Garden Party	
13 June	19:30	Back Row Club - The Miracle Club	Chedworth Village Hall
14 June		Coln Valley Tennis Tournament	Chedworth
16 June	17:30	Fish & Chip Van	Chedworth Village Hall
21 June	9:00-13:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
28 June	18:00	Evening Family Picnic with live music from Poole me Hearties	Chedworth Playing Field
1 July	14:30	Garden Club visit to Langford Downs Farm	
4 July	19:30	Swing from Paris	Chedworth Village Hall
9 July	19:15	WI - Emma Lowther "Chair Yoga"	Chedworth Village Hall
15 July	14:30	Garden Club visit to Brockworth Court	
18 July	13:30	St Andrew's School Summer Fete	Chedworth School
19 July	9:00-13:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
21 July	17:30	Fish & Chip Van	Chedworth Village Hall
13 August		Wi - Members Choice	
16 August	9:00-13:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall



Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Including glass, paper, mixed recycling, cardboard, garden waste, non-recyclable waste, food waste



Chedworth Area, Fossebridge, Yanworth, Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Thursday	5	June
Thursday	19	June
Thursday	3	July
Thursday	17	July

Dates may change due to holidays

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at

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booking enquiries

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We are all enjoying the sunshine at school and the children are enjoying a busy summer term. Year 5 have had bikeability sessions, where they were cycling over 6 miles a day in intense heat. We are fortunate to have the wonderful Mr Peake supporting our pupils through their bikeability programme- thank you!

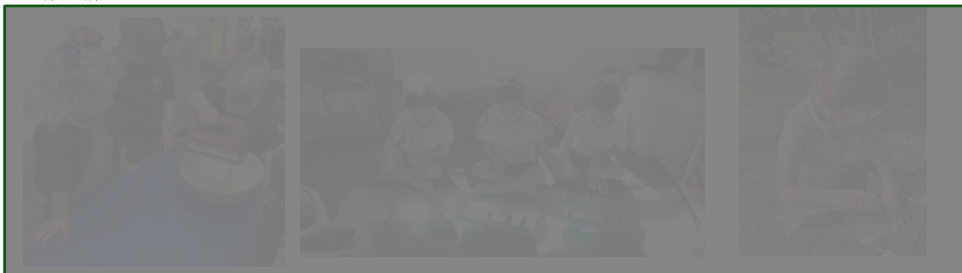
Our Year 6 children completed their SATs in May and we were incredibly proud of their attitudes and perseverance- they were most pleased with their daily breakfast and post- test ice-creams.

We were visited this term by Jude, an extraordinary adventure mentor, who has biked to some incredible places across the world. The children were enamored with the video about his travels and he provided an inspirational talk about how to follow your own path in life and take opportunities for adventure. He spoke brilliantly about the power of celebrating individuality and taking opportunities in life.



We are all looking forward to our whole school trip in July, as well as our Sports Day and leavers events.

EYFS have been doing lots of baking, exploring outside and enjoying Forest School with Key Stage 1. They have recently made bunting, and created their own rosettes from wood!



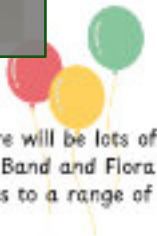
We held a lovely VE Day celebration on **Thursday 8th May**. The children in the school made scones, cakes, fruit kebabs and sandwiches and invited parents, carers and the community to an afternoon tea street party. The children performed songs relating to the war, peace and VE Day. If you missed it, our Key Stage 2 children will be performing the songs again at the Pop up Cafe on **Monday 16th June** at around 11am.



Summer Fete



Please do join us on **Friday 18th July from 13.00** on the school field there will be lots of fun activities for the children and we will be joined by Chedworth Silver Band and Flora Flora to perform during the afternoon. The children will also have access to a range of inflatable courses and castles!



Thank you to Sheila Veuve, for you kind donations of some beautiful bird boxes!



Thank you to those of you who joined our gardening day in April and have continued to offer your help and support to maintain our vast site. We are always on the lookout for people to help with odd jobs and gardening tasks if you ever have any availability.

Thank you to Rev Karen for organising for our children to have a musical performance this term. We are all looking forward to listening to the musicians, who will then be performing in church in May.



Chedworth Parish Council

Litter Pick

We are pleased to report that our annual litter pick was successfully completed over the period from 3rd - 11th May and pleased that compared to previously less litter was found around the village. This may well have been part due to the recently completed litter picking undertaken by the St Andrew's pupils, staff & helpers and the regular picking up of litter by members of our community, with particular thanks going to Felicity & David Peake. A lot of the litter collected (7-8 black bags + assorted debris) was placed in the village hall car park by the bins from where it miraculously disappeared, presumably picked up by an unexpectedly efficient CDC. Many thanks from the PC & the village community to all those who helped, their efforts are much appreciated.

Play Equipment

A number of residents identified a

need for additional play equipment and following the April meeting a number of Councillors looked at what other parishes have installed recently, particularly the Woodmancote Play Area in North Cerney parish.

Councillors were surprised that the Woodmancote installation costing £60,000 and one at Guiting Power costing £75,000 were funded mainly with grants rather than Parish Council funds. Woodmancote appears to have taken less than 12 months from conception to completion. Chedworth Parish Council has agreed to make land available for a play area if requested but would be looking for the project to be funded by 3rd party grants, and for fundraising to be organised by volunteers, as per the Woodmancote and Guiting Power model.

Benches

The Parish Council has approached a local craftsman for a quotation for the repair and refurbishment of the 1935 Siver Jubilee seat at the top of the Tuns Hill triangle. Until it has been repaired, we do ask you to please sit elsewhere.

The Chairman will also consult the PCC with a view to moving the Maggie Scrivens Memorial seat by St Andrews Church a few feet towards the church steps reduce the problems with bird droppings. Volunteers have already come forward to do the work if approved.

David Broad



Councillors

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For more information check out our website chedworthpc.org.uk



Your Gardening Tips for June



This is the month when roses come into their own whether in beds or climbing up walls

and trees. Weeds will grow rapidly, and need be controlled by hoeing, digging out or weed killer.

- **Mulching.** The best way to control weeds and keep your garden looking tidy is to mulch with either bark for flower beds or woodchip for larger areas. Woodchips last longer but are quite chunky. The advantages of mulching are :
- **Retaining Moisture:** Reducing evaporation and cutting down on watering.
- **Suppressing Weeds:** Preventing weed seeds from germinating.
- **Improving Soil Health:** Enriching soil as it decomposes.
- **Regulating Soil Temperature:** Protecting roots from extreme temperature changes.
- **Enhancing Aesthetics:** Giving your garden beds a tidy, natural finish.
- Dead head flowers to keep them looking tidy.
- Having dead headed daffodils once they have died back, cut or mow and add fertilizer to feed the bulbs.
- Plant out summer bedding plants if not already done, and stake tall or floppy plants
- Shade greenhouses when the sun is

at its hottest.

- It is time to prune spring flowering shrubs and overcrowded stems of clematis
- Keep sowing more salad seeds for continuous cropping, and carrots and beetroot for second crops. Try to avoid pulling carrots to thin them. It better to snip the tops off seedlings to thin them. Beetroot thinnings, however, respond well to being planted out for an extra crop. To improve germination of lettuce seeds in high summer, cool the soil with water before sowing and then place a board over the seedbed for two or three days. Lettuces respond well to being thinned out and replanted. Sow radishes in succession, before the ground gets too hot, as they tend to bolt in very warm weather.
- Keep the herb bed stocked by continuous sowings.
- Given the warm weather you will probably have already planted out your courgettes. If not do not delay further!
- Remove strawberry runners during the early part of the summer to retain energy for developing fruit. If you need to increase your stock, peg runners into pots, or into spaces between plants.
- This has been a god year for cowslips, but if you do not want your garden to be overrun by them it is best to dig as many as you see fit out and redeploy or compost.
- Keep an eye on tomato plants to avoid them drying out and pinch out side-shoots. Feed when flowers have set. Plant side shoots for an

extra crop.

- If you want to grow your own spring bedding plants for next year, many, including wallflowers and pansies need to be sown before July in order to flower next spring.
- Trim back trailing plants to encourage fresh growth.
- Keep tying in rambling roses.
- Keep a daily lookout for pests such as aphids and remove most by hand as soon as infestation is seen. Keep some for ladybirds the birds. Keep slugs off your delphiniums, lilies, and vegetables by constant vigilance! Keep use of chemical controls to a minimum to avoid killing pest predators such as ladybirds, lacewings and hoverflies.
- Hellebore seeds can be harvested and sown immediately. They will need winter frost to start germination.
- Add grass mowings to the compost heap in thin layers or mix with other vegetation. As the risk of dry hot summers increase, keep your mower on a high cut or you will have a brown lawn before you know it!

- Divide primroses after flowering, planting them in a nursery bed until they are ready to be planted in the autumn.
- This is a good month to take soft wood cuttings such as Fuchsia, Hydrangea, Philadelphus, Lavender, Rosemary and Forsythia
- If you are lucky enough to have space for a good hedge, then you need to know when to prune it. Hedges come in many forms, so here is a simple guide:
 - Spindle. Lightly prune in winter/early spring
 - Holly. Lightly prune in late summer.
 - Hawthorne. Trim once in the summer and again in the autumn
 - Beech. Trim once in late summer.
 - Yew. Prune in summer and autumn
 - Blackthorn. If you have to, prune only in the winter.

Happy Gardening!

*Simon Colbeck
Chairman Chedworth Gardening Club*

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE!

I have lived in Chedworth for 40 years. I currently rent a cottage in the village where I have lived for 15 years. The owners have decided to sell. I am looking for a home to rent in Chedworth. It would be a long let and I would need either one or two bedrooms with a garden, just for myself and my cat.

I have until the New Year to find somewhere, so please, if you have a house you are thinking of letting, or if you are fed up with running your Airbnb, please contact me.

Landline: 01285 720408 Mobile: 07790309717

Email: suesharman50@hotmail.com

Many thanks, Sue

Our May meeting took place on a beautiful Spring evening. Sheila Bowley welcomed everyone and explained that Mick Marsh had stepped into the breach to take the minutes and act as Secretary as Penny Taylor was away with her husband fishing and Ann Deamer was still on a cruise. Carol Bailey had stepped into another breach in the hostessing line up as Ester's husband was not well.

The minutes were signed, and then Helen Taylor gave a full report of the visit to Javelin Park, the rubbish processing centre that you pass on your way to the M5 motorway. (Named not for any roman artefact found on site but for the 1950's jet that used to speed down the runways that now lie under the building.) Seven intrepid members had been on the visit, they donned their health and safety kit and braved the walkways and stairs of something resembling a futuristic set from an episode of Dr. Who. Very few humans were visible which added to the slightly surreal feelings, as it is run by a very small number of people. But what it achieves is amazing, no rubbish from our grey bins goes to landfill in Gloucestershire! Gas and electricity are provided for nearby houses as a by product of the burning process. A win, win set up. Sadly no one took a photo of our visiting members in their hard hats and yellow vests but they did return to tell their tales and apparently sadly, they didn't meet any alien life forms!

Members were reminded about the closing date for the WI bulb catalogue, and to sign up for the September 10th visit to Hampton Court Castle Gardens

(friends, families and partners are very welcome). Exact costings are still being worked on.

In particular any members who have not yet paid their subs were reminded that they are overdue!

Brenda's bench needs a clean, Bee Brockman thought that she might be able to help. The Village Hall cupboards are all due for a Spring clean so will have to be cleared out and hopefully the long standing broken lock on the WI tall cupboard in the kitchen will finally be mended!

A unanimous vote was then passed on the resolution to be put before the Annual General Meeting of the NFWI on the 4th June 2025 at the Royal Albert Hall. This resolution is that :

Bystanders Can be Lifesavers

There are over 30,000 out of hospital cardiac arrests a year in the UK and less than one in ten people survive. Women have a lower chance of surviving than men. Early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillating can more than double the chances of survival. We call on WI members to work together to increase public confidence and training in the delivery of CPR and to work with local organisations to help to improve access to defibrillators in their communities to give every person the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.

A brief discussion was held on the confidence of WI members present to perform Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and use of the defibrillator. There was a general feeling that some more training might

be beneficial!

This was followed by much more light hearted fun as members attempted to follow Clare Petersen's instructions on how to tie elegant scarf arrangements – some members were better at this than others! Tea and chat was much needed and enjoyed – in spite of the kitchen lights not working so the preparation

was done in rather subdued evening light!

The next WI meeting is a Garden Party at Penny Taylor's house Newstead, in Perrots Brook at 2.30pm on Wednesday 11th June. All members welcome – please bring a plate of food with you to share.

Emma Isaac



The before and the after of one scarf folding exercise!



Everyone is very welcome at..

The Pop-up cafe

The Cafe is open every Monday morning 10am-1pm at Chedworth Village Hall.

Delicious cakes and savouries, teas, coffee and croissants all on offer. Local honey, eggs and apple juice for sale. **PLUS The popular plant exchange** Bring & buy or donate plants, seedlings, cuttings and produce, all to keep your garden growing.....



The Pothole Fillers Song

The Pothole Fillers Song (to the tune of I'm a lumberjack)

I'm a pothole filler and I don't care
Whether the road is in disrepair
I flop it in here and I flop it in there
'Cause I'm a pothole filler and I don't care.

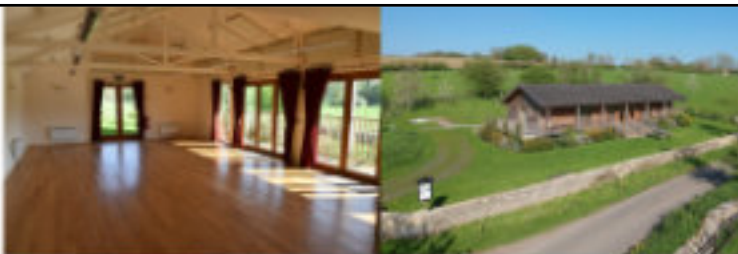
I'm a pothole marker and I don't care
I mark them here and I mark them there
Though the road is in disrepair
I only mark the holes 'cause I don't care.

We're the pothole fillers and we don't care
We filled all these holes just last year
Flop it in here and flop it in there
We're the pothole fillers and we don't care.

We're pothole fillers coming down the lane
Filling the same hole again and again
But pothole fillers we just don't care

'Cause we'll be filling the same holes
NEXT YEAR.

Ray Hedger.



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Where?

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What date?

Sunday 22nd June 2025

What time?

12:00 - 18:00

More info

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All part of the Big Lunch in Cirencester

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Come and support
St. Andrew's School and meet
staff, pupils and parents

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL

Summer Fete

**FRIDAY 18 JULY 1.30-3.30PM
AT THE SCHOOL**

Cakes and hot and cold drinks provided by the pop-up café
Flora Fiora entertains Inflatables provided by Ritchie Ball
Stalls, tombola, games and raffle School uniform sale



Card payments accepted, Parking at the Village Hall
The fete is organised by St. Andrew's School Parent Teacher
Association which supports education of pupils.
Gift Aid donations can be made by scanning the QR code




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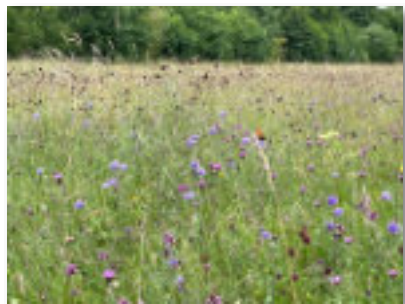
More information at ngs.org.uk



Chedworth Gardening Club Garden Visits

We have 4 delightful garden visits planned this summer; all within 40 minutes of Chedworth and at a cost of no more than £15 including refreshments.

Hyde Mill Meadow, Stow-on-the-Wold - £10



Our first visit is on **Tuesday, 10 June at 4.00pm** to a **Coronation Meadow** at Stow-on-the-Wold. This meadow has been created as part of his Royal Highness King Charles' Coronation Meadows Project and is the second Flagship Coronation Meadow in Gloucestershire after Highgrove. You can expect to enjoy a riot of colour and an abundance of wildlife in a setting that has remained largely unchanged since the Coronation.

Langford Downs Farm, Lechlade - £15

Our second visit on **Tuesday, 1 July at 2.30pm** is to Langford Downs Farm, Lechlade. A Cotswold house with a good sized garden created in 2009 with extensive tree planting and mixed tree, shrub and herbaceous borders. Traditional hedges comprising arches and windows and crab apple espalier. It has an extensive cut flower and vegetable garden, an interesting courtyard with raised nursery beds and



a Cotswold pond with a natural spring, bug hotels, magic garden and lots of quirky things to see and find!

Brockworth Court - £12



Brockworth Court, near Cheltenham is the venue for our next visit on **Tuesday, 15 July at 2.30pm**. It has an intense yet informal tapestry style garden that beautifully complements the period manor house which it surrounds. It boasts a natural fish pond with Monet bridge leading to a small island with a thatched Fiji house. There is also a kitchen garden (for any vegetable growers reading this) once cultivated by monks.

Fossebridge Vineyard - £15

Within walking distance from the Fossebridge Inn on **Wednesday, 3 September at 6.00pm**. Take a tour around the vineyard with an explanation from the owners of what

they are doing, what the vineyard is doing and the life cycle. Gardens, a lavender field and bees.

If you would like to join us on these visits and aren't a member of Chedworth Gardening Club please get in touch **chedworthgardeningclub@gmail.com**. Annual membership is only £15 for individuals or £25 for joint membership.

When you join the Gardening Club you can visit these lovely gardens and have an opportunity to meet fellow gardeners in an informal setting to chat about all things gardening. You can also take advantage of various discounts:

10% off plants, bulbs and seeds at Burford Garden Centre, discounted compost sales at Shurdington Nurseries and 50% off the cost of entry for up to 2 people to any RHS garden (Bridgwater, Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall, Rosemoor and Wisley) except during RHS Flower Shows and RHS Glow events

Please contact Chedworth Gardening Club **chedworthgardeningclub@gmail.com** if you have any queries about these visits or membership.

*Ang MacNaught
Gardens Visits Organiser*

New patio

My husband was attempting to build a patio for the first time. He bought 100 cement blocks. Laying them out in a pattern, he discovered the chosen area was too small.

He stacked the blocks against the house and cleared more space. The next day he put the cement blocks back down, only to find that the ground was too hard to keep the patio level.

He ordered a truckload of sand to be delivered the following morning. Again, he stacked the 100 blocks against the house.

Observing all this, our next-door neighbour asked, "Are you going to put your patio away *every* night?"

Notices in a church newssheet:

- Organist required: to work with small but trying priest and congregation.
- The Low Self Esteem Support Group meets Thursday. Please use the back door.
- Weight Watchers to meet at 7pm in the church hall. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- There will be a shared supper at church this Sunday – with prayer and medication to follow.
- The minister would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- The students will be presenting Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in the church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.



Hill & Valley Lawn Tennis Club

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC>

CLUB NEWS

What a lucky start to the tennis season with plenty of sunshine so far – we have all fingers crossed for the same for the Coln Valley Tournament day on 14th June! This is the main club open event with competitors from many local clubs and individuals, some of whom have participated for many years. The event serves both as a fund raiser for the club and to fund a donation to our Hill & Valley Parish churches. We are grateful to local businesses Tanners the solicitors and Concierge Medical for their kind sponsorship and, of course, to our generous hosts who loan their private courts for the day. Wimbledon is round the corner, let's see if our Jack Draper can make a big showing for the Brits! If you get inspired, do get in touch for a tennis chat or 'try out'.

Robert Baker, Chair hillandvalleylta@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON

Coln Valley Tournament Saturday, June 14th

Our annual Open Mixed Doubles Tournament is a fundraiser for the club and also for the churches in the benefice. It is a fun day of social, competitive tennis played on wonderful, local private courts kindly loaned to us for the day. The semis and finals are played on the club courts, we invite you to come and watch with a glass of Pimms and cheer on the players. We are very grateful to our main sponsor [Tanner's Solicitors](#). We need volunteers to help with the running of the day, please get in touch if you would like to be involved. There is a raffle with some excellent prizes! Spaces are filling up so please enter asap if you would like to play.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Events>



WHAT'S ON

WALKING TENNIS

Sessions every Friday afternoon at 2.30-4pm

It is relaxed and fun, you can go at your own pace.

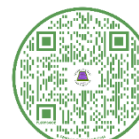
Come along to give it a go! Open to non members

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/WalkingTennis>



ADULT GROUP COACHING WITH TOM WYMAN

Monthly group coaching for all levels



AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR COACHING

Running on Wednesdays, for ages 4-18yrs

A 7 week block open to non members, rackets provided

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Coaching>



SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

July 22rd – Aug 28th

5% discount for siblings & 15% discount for members.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Coaching/Camps>

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Spring Time on the Dairy Farm

Spring has sprung and with it comes the best part of the year, getting the girls back out into the fields where they belong! After what felt like a very long and drawn-out winter, our early starts are now greeted with sunlight and birdsong. This time of year is also the time when our spring herd are calving and we now have 55 happy and healthy calves leaping around.

Driving past the farm, you will notice that our grass is starting to grow and we are now employing our adaptive grazing rotation. This involves varying the size and shape of the paddocks the cows graze to meet the energy and intake requirements of the cows while also ensuring that we feed and regenerate the soil and sward of our



pastures. This adaptive grazing process can be quite labour intensive as the cows will never spend more than 12 hours on a single area of grass. We routinely move them up to 3 times within a 24-hour period. This ensures diversity in the diet, creating a unique taste and quality in the milk which suits the cheese making. It also ensures soil health is enhanced by avoiding over-grazing, allowing the plants to recover and forcing them to extend their roots

which strengthens soil structure, feeds the micro-biology in the soil (which in turn helps to capture carbon) and contributes to water retention. This grazing process is seen as a key aspect of Regenerative farming. If you take a closer look at the grass, you will notice that there are lots of different species in the fields. Almost all of the farm is



planted with herbal leys and each field has a minimum of 5 different species of grasses, herbs and legumes. This also contributes significantly to the soil health and structure. With this spring shaping up to be the driest on record we hope that this diversity in the sward and our adaptive grazing will provide us with a bit of drought resilience going into the summer.

Spring is also a busy time for the team at Kingstone Dairy. The spring milk is influenced by the fresh, lush herbal leys which contribute to the fat and protein levels in the milk being at a perfect ratio for making their range of soft cheeses. As



spring progresses into summer, the milk will change again and the characteristics will suit the alpine style hard cheeses that the dairy make. These summer hard cheeses will be maturing ready for eating at Christmas. You may have noticed that Kingstone Dairy's most recent hard cheese, Burford, was awarded the best cheese in Britain at the British Cheese Awards this year which really is a testament to the hard

work and dedication shown by everyone at Kingstone Dairy.

The team at Manor Farm will continue to focus on grazing and maintaining herd health and welfare over the next few months and in the meantime we will all pray for rain!

*Seb Clarke
Manor Farm Chedworth*

8th June – Pentecost, not a Ghost but a Gift



We used to call it Whitsun – 'White Sunday' because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. There are no processions nowadays, and

we've even changed its name. It's now 'Pentecost', which is more accurate but needs explaining.

Pentecost marks a vital event in Christian history. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Passover, they had an amazing collective experience.

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no longer, they burst out on to the streets where crowds were gathering for the festival,

led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other languages, everyone heard them in their own tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3,000 people believed and were baptised in the name of Jesus. They were the nucleus of what in 100 years would be a Church that would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

Many people find the whole idea of the Holy Spirit mysterious and elusive. It wasn't helped by the earlier title 'Holy Ghost'. The spirit is not spiritually a 'ghost' but a precious gift.



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Chedworth Open Gardens 2025

Saturday 7th June. 10am – 5pm

We are opening under the National Garden Scheme again this year focusing on Lower Chedworth gardens, with parking in the Dog Training field opposite the Hemplands. This means we don't have to rely on coaches to ferry people the length of the village.

Please be aware there will be pedestrians in Lower Chedworth that day, so please be careful when driving through the village. If you are walking from the village you can buy your ticket from any of the gardens. These are all clearly labelled with Yellow signage outside.

There are 5 gardens and Plants and Flowers available from Pancake Hill Flowers. All for £10 entry fee, children free. Dogs are welcome if on a lead.

Visitors can then drive to the village hall and take advantage of all day refreshments, light lunches and tea's supplied as usual by our very own Claire Booth Cooks.

Thank you to the volunteers who have

already come forward, we need more volunteers to help with the Open Gardens; manning a garden for a couple of hours to give the garden owner 'a breather', selling Open Garden tickets in the Car Park or helping with car park duties at both the village hall playing field and dog training field. You will still have plenty of time to visit the gardens yourself.

If you think you can help, please contact me.

We hope that locals will come and support this event to, Meet your neighbours if you are new to the village, Get some gardening ideas, enjoy some lunch and take some plants home for your own garden. All funds raised will go to the charities supported by the National Garden Scheme.

Many thanks

*Sue Bradbury
Open Gardens Organiser / Chedworth
Gardening Club
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Crooked politicians

The editor of a small country newspaper, furious over several government bills that had recently been passed, printed a scathing editorial with an enormous headline: 'HALF THE LEGISLATORS ARE CROOKS.'

Many local politicians were outraged and exerted tremendous pressure on him to print a retraction. He finally gave in to the pressure and ran his apology with the headline: 'HALF OF OUR LEGISLATORS ARE NOT CROOKS.'

Chedworth Silver Band

Chedworth Silver Band played for Fairford Town Council at their VE Commemoration on Fairford Cricket ground on 12th May. A very well attended event in glorious sunshine with many organisations contributing, WI, Air Cadets etc. The Band played a program featuring many WW2 favourites and supplied song sheets so the audience could sing along to Roll out the Barrel, White Cliffs of Dover, We'll Meet Again, Nightingale Sang, Run Rabbit Run and the Dads Army theme, plus some WW1 favourites, "A Long way to Tipperary" & "Over There".

The next engagement will need some more modern music so we are practicing hard with some more contemporary items and solo items and following that we will be playing on Cirencester Abbey Grounds Bandstand

on Sunday 20th July. from 2.30pm until 4.30pm.

The band has no scheduled performances in Chedworth since the School Fete changed from a Saturday to an after-school Friday slot, but we are hoping to play either at the Village Hall or St Andrew's Church later in the year.

We would welcome any players interested in joining the band, especially back row Cornets eg. Repiano and 2nd Cornets.

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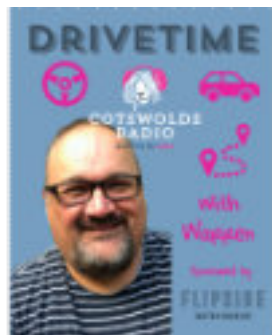
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Warren Turner has recently joined Cotswolds Radio and has hit the ground running, presenting our new Wednesday Drivetime show (4-6pm) and taking over from Richard on Friday Breakfast (7:30-9am). Big shoes to fill! Warren has had the radio bug for decades: his first radio appearance was in 1983 on BBC Radio Leicester at the age of 16 where became a regular contributor.

After university he worked in healthcare and then higher education, training future generations of healthcare professionals. Eventually he became a professor and finally Pro Vice Chancellor for a major London University.

A huge change came in 2019 when he and his partner decided to retire early and bought the Horse and Groom Inn at Upper Oddington to do something they could enjoy working at together. However, retirement had to wait as his worlds collided when within a year of taking on the pub, the Covid pandemic struck. He spent the weekdays advising government on pandemic preparedness and trying to keep the pub going at the weekends. Eventually he retired from Academia in April 2024. He and his partner have opened two other restaurants – Flipside in Stow-on-the-



Wold and Broadway, with a new hospitality venture about to start.

Warren responded to a Facebook post from Cotswolds Radio looking for new presenters and we were delighted to welcome him to the team. Warren says "I love what Cotswolds Radio stands for – a truly local radio station, staffed entirely by volunteers. It produced some amazing output given its incredibly limited resources. The direct engagement with listeners is fabulous, I've had so many people call into the pub and tell me they have been listening!"

As Warren says, we love to hear from our listeners, so get in touch: Message while you're listening on the Cotswolds Radio App, WhatsApp on 07824 368947 or email contact@cotswoldsradio.com.



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Verge Flowers: Yellow Salsify



Verge flowers: Yellow Salsify

Out walking, my eye was caught by what I thought were extra tall dandelions sheltering along the lee of a field-hedge. Actually, it was a whole row of Yellow Salsify. The flower head is surrounded by green rays. Sometimes called Jack-go-to-bed on

account of the flowers opening early in the morning and often closing by early afternoon. The roots can be eaten.

Mark Aveline

editors note: This flower is also known as Goat's Beard

Life in the Circus

A couple who worked at the circus wanted to adopt a child. Social workers had doubts about their suitability, but the couple produced photos of their large motorhome, which was equipped with a beautiful nursery. As for education, not only was there a nanny, but also a full-time tutor to teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills. Finally, the social workers were satisfied and had only one last question. "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"Oh, we don't mind at all," the couple assured them. "As long as he or she fits in the cannon."

The Seven Tuns Action Group

Firstly, thank you to all those of you who attended the meeting at the Village Hall recently. There was clear, overwhelming support to buy The Seven Tuns as a community pub. We have continued working with the management company, Criterion Asset Management, (CAM) to move matters forward.

We have now put forward an offer to buy the Tuns, based on the formal valuation we received. It is, of course, subject to contract and to raising the funds. They will now pass on our offer to the owners, The Wellington Pub Company. We will of course let you know as soon as any negotiations have been concluded.

Buying and bringing an historic grade II listed building back into use is quite a daunting task. Often with listed buildings, once you start repairing it, which can mean peeling away decades of neglect, you come across problems. All sorts of rot, wet and dry, might be lurking in there. Wiring might be dangerous, and plumbing...well plumbing is a nightmare all of its own!

These things are all fixable, but they add to time and cost. So for heritage projects such as this, you need to build in a larger amount of contingency than you would for normal, run of the mill renovations. But that's all for later. We need to own the Tuns first. The owners are not known for acting speedily, so please bear with us. It will be worth the



wait. Once we have ownership we will do everything possible to open the pub as soon as we possibly can.

Right now we need volunteers to help with our task. In particular, we need people with accounting/ bookkeeping experience, with architectural and structural surveying expertise, admin, publicity, and with experience of share offerings.

If we reach agreement on price, we will launch a Share Offer. We have set up a Community Benefit Society for this purpose. We will need to raise a substantial amount of money.

We will also be looking for donations and grants. It is not going to be easy. But with your help and your generosity, we can get the Tuns back as our local pub.

Patricia Langley, Chair

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The Arts Society Cotswolds

Lecture on Wednesday 11th June 2025

Lecture: The Bird in Art from Prehistory to the Present Day

Most people love watching and listening to birds, from colourful jays to squawking parakeets, and this lecture enables us to look at them in all their glory. From Aboriginal rock decorations, millennia ago, to the present day, birds appear in many different guises: as hunters and hunted, doves as symbols of peace or the holy spirit.

About the speaker:

Frank Woodgate is a lecturer and Guide at Tate Britain and Tate Modern, for the Art Fund, the National Trust, U3A and other organisations, including on Zoom. Lectured for Dulwich Picture Gallery, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester and on cruises on behalf of Tate. Previously script-writer for The Living Paintings Trust (art for the visually-impaired).

This hybrid lecture will be held at the Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford, OX18 4RZ at 11am and via Zoom. Please be seated by 10.50 for notices of upcoming events. Numbers are no



longer restricted but booking is recommended to reserve a place (www.theartsocietycotswolds.org.uk). Non-members are welcome (space permitting) at a charge of £10.

Further information will be circulated via the newsletter and bookings can be made via the website (www.theartsocietycotswolds.org.uk) or please contact Lisa Etheridge on 07918 180895 for a booking form.

To learn more about The Arts Society Cotswolds and to see what lectures, Special Interest Days and other activities are planned for the future, please log into the website www.theartsocietycotswolds.org.uk

*Or contact Alison Morgans
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Our next hymn

A visiting minister, seeing the list of hymns chosen for the Sunday service, sent a message to the organist to say that the last hymn (519) did not suit his sermon, and so he wanted it replaced by 213. The organist's message replied: 'In this church the organist chooses the hymns and I will play 519.' The minister shot back: 'At this service I announce the hymns and I shall still announce 213.'

Understand

Sometimes I think I understand everything - but then I regain consciousness.

Uncle Eustace

On what security cameras in church will tell you

From The Rectory
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Much against my better judgement, after a recent series of small thefts, we have installed security cameras here at St James the Least of All. Thank goodness the suggestion for trip wires that opened the gate to Mrs Poppleroy's garden next door, thereby setting loose her deranged Pekinese, was narrowly defeated – though I had to use my casting vote.

So now we have a complete record of everything that goes on when no one is about. It makes such interesting viewing that I have cancelled my television licence and spend every evening watching the antics of my parishioners. I wonder if there is some niche television channel which would be interested; it could help the tower restoration fund no end.

Miss Margison seems to imagine she is now part of some theatrical performance every time she cleans the church; her body language as she wields a feather duster is of operatic proportions, as is her final bow to the cameras as she leaves.

I have at last found the several hiding places where Mr Prentice secretes his bottle of whisky every week when he comes to wind the tower clock.

Colonel Wainwright, who served for



some time in the security services, is now worried that photographs of him cleaning the brass will be circulated in Russia. He fails to appreciate that his disguise as a French onion seller, with striped jersey, beret and waxed moustache does tend to make his presence rather more interesting than he imagines – to us, if not to the KGB.

The flower arrangers seem to imagine that we are recording sound as well as pictures and so whenever they are in church together, all gossip is written down and passed round by hand as they work in total silence. So far, they have remembered to take their pieces of paper home with them. One slip and I shall probably learn more about my parishioners in five minutes than I have done in the last five years.

The cameras have also solved the mystery of who has been pilfering the items - and even the nest where they have hidden it. If only I could teach the magpies to extract money from pockets and place it on the collection plate.

Your loving uncle,
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Keith was very strict about confetti in the churchyard



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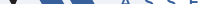
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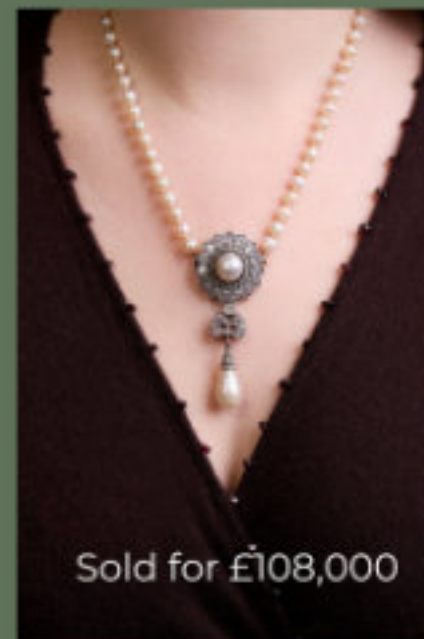
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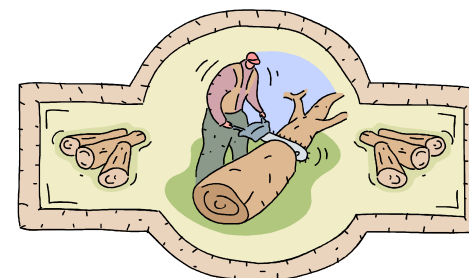
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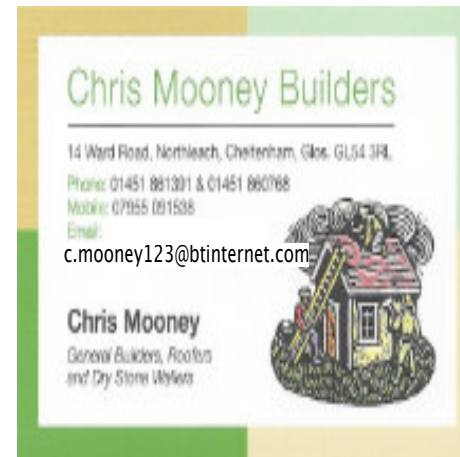
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